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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/540,874

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For: BACKLIGHT DEVICE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY

Group Art Unit: 2885

Examiner: LOVELL, LEAH S

SIR:

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Respectfully submitted,

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicants acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reason for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of May 14, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed May 14, 2007, lines 12-18 state:

Claims 1-24 are allowed. Prior art fails to disclose or render obvious a backlight of a liquid crystal display having a frame with a light guide plate and flexible circuit board having a plurality of light sources attached on one side and erected parts on the other disposed in the frame wherein the flexible circuit board is arranged such that the light sources are biased against the light incident face of the light guide plate by the frame and the erected parts directly contact the frame and, furthermore, the light guide panel directly contacts the frame on the face opposite to the light incident face.

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The above quoted language is inconsistent with the recitations in independent Claims 1 and 2. For example, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states "...the light sources are biased against the light incident face of the light guide plate by the frame..." whereas independent Claims 1 and 2 each recite "...the flexible PCB biases at least one of the plurality of light sources against the incident surface of the light guiding plate..." Therefore, the above-quoted statement does not apply to Claims 1 and 2 or the claims depending therefrom.

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